

RESOLUTION
13-033

WHEREAS, Maurice David "Bo" Cope was born April 6, 1952 to the late W.G. and Ocie Cope near Flatwoods in Lee County, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cope attended grade school and high school at Flatwoods and received a Certificate in Mechanics from the Lee County Vocational School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cope's first job was with a construction company that built Mountain Empire Community College which serves Lee County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cope was also employed at Lee Ford Tractor and was a farmer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cope married the former Sherry Morrison on October 23, 1971 and had three children, Tracy, Kristy and Kelly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cope served Beech Grove Baptist Church as a Sunday School teacher and deacon; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 1987, Mr. Cope announced his call to the ministry and in April of 1988 was elected Pastor of Beech Grove Baptist Church where he served until his death on April 13, 2010.; and

WHEREAS, during his 23 years as Pastor, Beech Grove Baptist Church grew from an attendance of 13 people to nearly 100 people and despite poor health, Bo's love for his church was evident in the fact that he faithfully served throughout this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to commemorate the life of Maurice David "Bo" Cope, the Lee County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Virginia Department of Transportation formally designate the Route 833 bridge over Powell River as the "Bo Cope Memorial Bridge".

Adopted this the 17th day of September, 2013.




CLERK OF THE BOARD